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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Enclosed herewith are copies of references A1, A3-A109, B1-B12, and C1. These documents were previously disclosed but were not considered by the Examiner because copies were not provided.

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## REMARKS

Applicant would like to inform the Examiner of competitive products that have been made public subsequent to the filing date of the parent application, USSN 506,893, filed July 26, 1995.

The inventor became aware of a competing product made by Royal Truck Body, Inc. and installed on a Ford truck that was seen by a dealer in October of 1997. The inventors first saw a Ford truck with a Royal Body storage area in the fall of 1998. More recently, the inventors have seen a Chevrolet "Summit" that incorporates a Royal Body competing product to the claimed invention. An advertisement of a 2001 model Chevrolet Summit is disclosed in the attached PTO Form 1449.

Another competing product is the Daley Safestore, which was described to the inventors in November of 1998. The Daley Safestore is described in U.S. Patent No. 6,102,474, also disclosed in the attached PTO Form 1449.

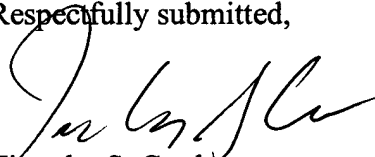
The GMC Terradyne concept vehicle was shown at the Detroit International Auto Show in mid-January 2000. This product is also marketed as the Chevrolet Avalanche. A brochure of the Avalanche is also disclosed in the attached PTO Form 1449.

Three related U.S. applications are also co-pending with the present application and are also disclosed in the attached PTO Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g), (h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and after the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). The appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) of \$180.00 is enclosed. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/INN643/4-013.

Respectfully submitted,



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